

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-38. (Cancelled)

39. (New) A method comprising:

receiving, over a global computer network, a request from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system coupled to the global computer network to provide an identification of the second computer system;

providing a visual interface on the second computer system to notify a user of the second computer system of the request and prompting the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request providing a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with a first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

42. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

43. (New) An article comprising a storage medium readable by a first processor-based system, the storage medium storing instructions to cause a processor of the first processor-based computer system to:

receive a request over a global computer network from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system to provide an identification of the second computer system;

provide a visual interface on the second computer system to notify a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the first computer

system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

44. (New) The article of claim 43, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

45. (New) The article of claim 43, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

46. (New) The article of claim 43, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

47. (New) A system comprising:

a database; and

a first computer coupled to the database to:

receive a request over a global computer network from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system to provide an identification of the second computer system;

provide a visual interface on the second computer system to notify a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

48. (New) The system of claim 47, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer comprises a processor number.

49. (New) The system of claim 47, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer.

50. (New) The system of claim 47, wherein the first computer is located at a remote location relative to the second computer.